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SUBJECT: USE OF KAVALLA TRANSMITTER

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1. FOR SOFIA:

A) REFTELS, WHICH NOT SEEN IN EUR/EE UNTIL FEBRUARY 5,
DO NOT INDICATE STRENGTH OF MEDIUM WAVE TRANSMISSION. VOA
OFFICIALS STATE ITS RECEPTION IN BULGARIA WOULD BE STRONG
AND CLEAR. ALMOST ANY TYPE OF RECEIVER, INCLUDING CAR
RADIO, WOULD RECEIVE IT AS IF IT WERE A LOCAL BULGARIAN
BROADCAST.

B) GIVEN THAT TECHNICAL LEVEL, WHAT IS EMBASSY'S
EVALUATION OF BULGARIAN REACTION TO THIS USE OF MEDIUM WAVE
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IN LIGHT OF SEPTEMBER CESSATION OF JAMMING OF SHORT WAVE

TRANSMISSION AND CURRENT STATE OF US-BULGARIAN RELATIONS?

C) NEW MW TRANSMISSIONS COULD BE INITIATED AS PART OF A SERIES OF SCHEDULE CHANGES IN MAY, EIGHT MONTHS FROM END OF JAMMING. BEFORE AGREEING TO THIS STEP, WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS.

2. FOR ATHENS:

BEARING IN MIND SOFIA'S ASSESSMENT, WHAT IS EMBASSY'S ESTIMATE OF GREEK REACTION TO VOA USE OF KAVALLA TRANSMITTER TO BROADCAST PROGRAMS IN BULGARIAN LANGUAGE TO ITS NEIGHBOR WITH WHOM IT HAS RECENTLY DEVELOPED IMPROVED RELATIONS? ALSO, DOES EMBASSY SEE USE OF TRANSMITTER IN THIS MANNER AS PRESENTING ANY PROBLEMS IN US-GREEK RELATIONS?

3. FOR BELGRADE:

DOES EMBASSY FORSEE USE OF TRANSMITTER AS PRESENTING PROBLEMS IN US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS?

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